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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TAKAHISA KIKUCHI : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLN. :  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: EVALUATION METHOD, :  
POSITION DETECTION METHOD, :  
EXPOSURE METHOD AND :  
DEVICE MANUFACTURING :  
METHOD, AND EXPOSURE :  
APPARATUS :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.